

### Christmas Lighting Display 2022-23

This display period was the second of a three year contract and had a number of challenges from the outset. The remaining column regularisation works were completed and new supply agreed on the side of Brewers. We had agreement in principle to connect to the supply at Boots, however the legal and technical side made it unworkable due to the nature of their business, as there would need to be a short period of electrical downtime to make the connection. There had also been communication problems at contractor end regarding the switch on kit for event day. We received works in kind for this, which was the necessary full redressing of the Fire station tree. It had seen numerous lorries snap the lighting lines once the weather had done its worst. This is unavoidable as we leave lines in all year round to save money. We had a number of outages owing to aging kit, nothing is guaranteed for more than one year. One day after my 'final' inspection before the Christmas break, the Mallard Court tree had been vandalised. Luckily our previous local contractor was able to pop out to repair and get part of the lights working again in time for Christmas Eve as the current contractor could not assist for the first time in the contract period.

The display saw the M&S Store integrated into the display by way of flashing panel and new under canopy festoon. We also had a cut tree at Ashley crossroads for the first time, with local infant school children decorating it with their own baubles (which have been safely returned thanks to Cllr Hawkins!) Old Milton Road was the location of newly purchased design of pole mounted display, which will phase in as the now tired (and already repaired) star designs fade out.

New sponsorship deals were offered this year for the smaller street trees, and there had been a definite downturn in traders taking the offer up. Subsequently we have 7 left to cover for 2023 display plus 4 out of the 6 larger ones.

Once again, we have received great appreciation from the traders and public regarding the display, and wish to thank all those named below that helped make it happen. The display really does lift us from the gloomy weather and many can be seen admiring the lights when on, something to really warm the heart.

#### ISSUES FOR 2023 DISPLAY

- New switch on kit
- Sponsorship for 4 of 6 larger street trees/7 smaller
- Continue integration of new pole mount displays
- Consider new bollard for main junction power (Boots)
- 8 x new tree holders for Westcroft Parade



INCOME			PAYMENTS		
	Amount	Net	Service		Net
Approved budget	20,000.00	20,000.00	Installation contract		7185.00
<b>Sponsorship deals</b>		4652.25	1. Infrastructure		3479.00
			includes trees, electricity and wall brackets		
<b>Donations</b>		50.00	Column regularisation		6,300.00
			Above agreed capital project		-6,300.00
			2. Safety tests		2,798.00
			All wall bracket tests/columns due 2019		
			3. Replacement and repairs		7546.72
			includes banners, bulbs, plaques, icicle replace		
			4. Sundries – Cable ties etc.		694.95
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>24,702.25</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>21,703.67</b>
					<b>2,998.58</b>

SPONSORS LIST			
A&T	A-Tech UK Ltd	Bradbeer's	Charles Nobel
Dixon Stewart	Double H Nurseries	Fagan's Menswear	Hoburne Bashley Holiday Park
Kimber's Carpets	Lions Club of New Milton	New Forest Stationers	New Life Church
New Milton Pharmacy	NM Residents Association	Paul Light Hair & Beauty	Pennyfarthing
Sullivan Lawford	Weldon & King	The Wheatsheaf Inn	
	CLlr G Blunden	CLlr D Hawkins	CLlr D Samber
<b>DONATION</b>	New Milton Probus	(Electric) Hardy's Electrical	(Electric) Bradbeers
	(Electric) Brewers	(Electric) Euronics	(Electric) Heppenstall's